referred, *inter alia*, to the future power development plans in a broad perspective and to the setting up of gas-based power stations as a short-term option for meeting the power requirements. These observations had no bearing to information provided by bureaucrats etc.

(b) Gas-based power stations of an aggregate capacity of 898.5 MW are in operation at present, while projects of a capacity of about 1708 MW are under implementation. The execution of additional gas based power projects, as a short-term option for meeting the power demands, will depend on confirmation of the availability of gas for power generation and an assessment of the requirements in various parts of the country in the Eighth and Ninth Plan periods.

Foreign collaboration for the Manufacture and marketing of Mobile Telephones

3220. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any foreign technical collaboration has been allowed for the manufacture and marketing of cellular mobile telephones; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Involvement of Indian Petrochemicals corporation for Running Union Carbide plant at Bombay

3221. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any plans under Government's consideration for running the Union Carbide plant at Bombay and also for implementing the Haldia Fertilizer Project with the help of Indian Petrochemicals Corporation; and

(b) if so, by when a final decision is expected to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra have suggested the take over of the Chambur unit of UCIL and handing over its management to IPCL. The various implications of the proposal are under study.

There is no proposal to implement the Haldia Fertilizers project with the help of IPCL.

Equity shares of Videsh Sanchar Limited

3222. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Central Public sector undertaking, Videsh Sanchar Limited (VSL) has submitted a proposal to offer 49 per cent of equity shares to the Public;

(b) whether the equity shares so offered will be listed for trading in stock markets;

(c) if so, what are the details of the proposed offer; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the VSL has sought for revaluating its capital base?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No concrete proposal in this regard has been received from the Videsh Sanchar Nigam.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Refund of advance by M/s. Andhra Pradesh Scooters Limited

3223. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are aware that M/s. Andhra Pradesh Schooters Limited have failed to refund the advance money collected from the prospective buyers of scooters;

(b) whether the financial condition of M/s. Andhra Pradesh Scooters Limited is in doldrums; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and what steps Government propose to take to improve the financial position to help refund of advance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Though there have been complaints about delay in refund of advance deposits, no specific complaint about non-refund of advance deposits by the company has been brought to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c) The Andhra Pradesh Scooters Ltd. is a state Government project. However, as informed by the company, they are having financial constraints in refunding the advance money as the funds are largely locked up in inventories. The company is negotiating with its Bankers/financial institutions for financial assistance. The company has indicated that refunds will be made soon after the sanctions are received from the banks/financial institutions.

Efforts to promote ancillary Industries in villages with the cooperation of Industrialists

3224. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPTHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approached the industrialists to adopt some villages for promotion of ancillary industries having linkages with their main units; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Government had convened a meeting of industrialists on Rural Industrialisation in the context of the various schemes of the Department of Rural Development. At this meeting it was suggested that manufacture of parts components and sub-assemblies could be farmed out to industries in the rural area. Similarly the large industries could also help market products manufactured in the Rural Sector. The discussions were preliminary in nature and industrialists have been requested to specific proposals for consideration of Government.

Discontinuation of Central Subsidy to State Governments

3225. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government propose to discontinue the Central Subsidy to the State Governments in the near future; and

(b) if so, whether Government will reconsider their decision in the matter as a special case in regard to the newly formed dened with financial dicuffilties at the initial stage and also for the promotion of new industries so as to mop up additional revenue to avoid initial taxation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The Central Investment Subsidy Scheme, 1971, as extended from time to time, is valid upto 30-9-1988. Government have not taken any decision about its continuance or otherwise beyond 30-9-1988

(b) Does not arise.

Performance of Technology and Management INCO based in U.S.A.

3226. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Technology and Management INCO has been established in USA in collaboration with Shri M. Pathak, and Indian Public Sector